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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-64 are presented.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claim 64 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim 23. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim 64 is not been further treated on the merits.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,793,027 (cited by applicant, hereinafter "Waegener") and WO 9844402 (cited by Applicant, hereinafter "Bramhill").

Regarding claim 1, Wagener teaches "A transaction verification system for use in verifying transactions between computers connected by a computer network, the system comprising fingerprint means operable in association with at least one first computer of the network to seek information relating to the first computer in order to

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create a group of data to serve as a fingerprint which is substantially ... to the first computer, and to provide the fingerprint for transmission to a second computer when the first computer is operated to initiate a transaction, to allow the source of the transaction initiation to be substantially uniquely identified. (column 3, lines 37-58; column 4 lines 9-22; column 4 line 10 to column 4, line 8; column 6, line 44 to column 7, line17)."

These passages of Waegener do not teach "unique" identifier of the first computer in the sense of the claim.

Bramhill teaches such "unique" nature (page 4, lines 15-29) for the motivation of greater security and identification (page 4, lines 15-20)..

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine teachings of Waegener and Bramhill for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 2 (unique identification, etc.), Bramhill teaches such identification (page 4, lines 15-29). Regarding claim 3-19, such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers and for the purpose of security. Claims 20-63 are claims that are analogous to claims 1-19. Regarding claims 20-63, such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers and for the purpose of security. See, for instance, Waegener at column 3, lines 37-58; column 4 lines 9-22; column 4 line 10 to column 4, line 8; column 6, line 44 to column 7, line17.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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